

# ***Board of Recreation Commissioners***

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## **BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING, OCTOBER 5TH, 2011**

### **Roll Call:**

D. Aponte	Present
R. Correa	Present
J. Galligan	Present
D. Kostantakis	Present
P. Musse	Present
J. Rafti	Present
R. Riquelme	Present
D. Totten	Present
M. Vietri	Present
B. Wicker	Present
Councilman Carrick	Present

Chairman Correa called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

***P. Musse made a motion to accept the September 2011 minutes. R. Riquelme seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/yes, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.***

Chairman Correa announced, “*All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont*”.

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk

### **OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Brian Joyce, who is in charge of the Boys Basketball Program wanted to discuss further the proposal to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Boys Instruction Basketball Program. There needs to be a set fee, set schedule and set plan as to what instructions will be given during these one hour clinics. There is someone that wants to run this program and do the instructing. It was discussed that if the registration fee is going directly to this person they become a vendor hired by the recreation for these clinics, therefore, must present insurance to the borough. They also need to provide the recreation with a written proposal as to what they are offering to the residents through these clinics.

Also discussed was the possibility of travel teams starting with the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders. B. Joyce would not oversee this program. At this point the recreation is not sure of the decision to go ahead and have travel programs as the registrations have just started for the basketball program. We also do not know of the gym time that we will need for the

recreation program at this point. Both of the issues brought tonight will be discussed further at a work shop.

Gerry Aponte, President of DJF presented Recreation with a lettering regarding the current voucher system that the program is working with and how this is causing many problems within the league that Dumont is currently in. DJF submitted an alternate way for payment of referees and purchase of supplies for the food hut and program. Council Liaison is going to arrange a meeting with borough auditor to discuss this possibility.

***P. Musse made a motion to close the Open Public portion of the meeting at this time. D. Kostantakis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/yes, Rafti/yes, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried.***

### **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

A check was presented to Recreation in the amount of \$7,000.00 that will go into a Miscellaneous League Relief Fund to help out the various recreation programs in Dumont. This was a portion of the money raised at the food hut at Memorial Park. Recreation wants to thank the Searles Family and all of the volunteers of the Baseball Auxiliary and the parents who had worked hard all spring and summer.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Thank you to Mayor McHale and the McHale Family for honoring the Recreation Programs in this year's golf outing. The day was a success and thank you to those commissioners who supported this event, Mike Vietri and his brother Lou, Council Liaison, Matt Carrick, Rafael Riquelme, Janet Galligan, Councilwoman Ellen Zamechansky and Dawn Totten.

Veteran's Field complaints are coming in constantly from coaches and players and parents regarding the drainage at this field. Council Liaison stated that the performance bond has been pulled on the field until the contractor does corrections to the drainage problem.

Charles Street Hut had a leak in the roof which was repaired by the DPW.

### **COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

All bills submitted to recreation have been vouchered. Please have your programs submit their bills on a timely basis at the recreation office and also any monies collected must be given in to the Recreation Office within 48 hours of receipt of the check and/or cash. This goes for registrations, tournaments, concession money and fundraising.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

*Policies:* Copies of Policies & Procedures regarding Finances, Uniforms, Code of Ethics, Permits, etc were given to each commissioner for review. Please go over these procedures with your programs. Director would like to meet with each program president and commission liaison at the end of their season to discuss where the

program will go for the following year, i.e. budget, fundraising expectations, field requirements, etc.

*Upcoming events:* D'Angelo's Farm is going to host the Halloween Costume Parade once again this year. Event is planned for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 10am start time.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

### **D. APONTE:**

*Basketball Cheerleading:* Signups are going on this month. The girls in the older group will be using the old competition uniforms and the younger team will use polo shirts and skirts. Once final registrations are over, orders will be placed for uniforms they will need to start the season and also discuss requirements for practice time.

*Competition Cheerleading:* Program will start using the gym full time at Honiss once the football cheering program is done with practice space, which should be end of November. T. Riva is looking to hire the choreographer to come in and teach the girls their routine for the season. T. Riva will submit request for gym space in writing to the recreation office so that requisitions can be put in. Program will have 2 teams this year.

### **J. GALLIGAN:**

*Twin Boro Field Food Hut:* Going to check out the equipment in the hut and do an inventory as to any equipment that is in need of replacement, i.e. new refrigerator or freezers. There also needs to be an inventory done at the Memorial Park Food Hut to see what equipment would need to be replaced or added at this time.

*Football Cheerleading:* President is asking that a request be put in with the BOE to extend the lights being on until 10:30pm on October 29<sup>th</sup> which is going to be the move up ceremony for all of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls and boys in the football and football cheering program. Last year there was not enough time so that the girls could participate in giving their parents flowers during this ceremony. This was discussed with football.

*Little League:* Next meeting for program is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at the borough hall.

*Girl's Volleyball:* Next year will have a more extensive instruction for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to prepare them for the tryouts for high school.

### **D. KOSTINTAKIS:**

*Girls Basketball:* Signups are going on this month. There are 33 signups so far. D. Kourian who is running the program wants to have a traveling program for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. He is requesting tryout dates. There will be further discussion regarding this request at a work session before approvals are given.

*Jr. Football:* There is a pancake fundraiser on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Firehouse #2 located on Prospect Avenue from 9am to 1pm. Program is asking for gym space on Friday's from

5-8pm to run through drills. They will only use the gym when it rains and they are unable to use the fields. They are requesting the use of DHS.

### **P. MUSSE:**

*Boys Basketball:* Registration is going on this month. There will be review at a work session regarding the request that has come in for travel teams for the boys. Suggestion made from recreation is to have one travel team for the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders and to see if Coach Banta would be available to conduct the tryouts and coach this team.

*Roller Hockey:* Rink has been put up by the DPW. There are issues with the boards not meeting. The volunteers are working to secure the boards as best they can for this season. There are areas on the surface that need to be sealed. Program is looking into prices to repair this area for this season and will submit estimates. Program needs to purchase 2 portable surface pumps for removing water off rink after heavy rainfalls.

### **J. RAFTI:**

*Men's Softball:* Men's softball is looking to increase their registration by \$5.00 for the upcoming 2012 season.

***J. Rafti made a motion for men's softball to increase their registration \$5.00 making it \$65.00 per person for the 2012 season. M. Vietri seconded motion. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/NAV, Rafti/yes, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried. (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)***

Men's softball will be incorporating Bergenfield into their program next year. Question was raised as to the cost of the lights for Hickory Field if we are providing a league for Bergenfield residents to play in. This will be discussed further.

*Ladies Softball:* no report

*Coach's Certification/Fingerprinting:* Both certifications went well. There were 12 minors at the course on September 27<sup>th</sup> and the adult certification course on September 20<sup>th</sup> there were over 20 new coaches certified. Dr. Healy is looking into the purchase of a new projector to run the courses.

*Girl's Softball:* Election for 2012 Jamie O'Neill is the new President. A list of procedures to follow regarding fundraising, finance reporting, etc was sent to the President.

Program is doing a fundraiser to offset the cost of the scoreboards.

***J. Rafti made a motion to approve fundraiser being held on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> for Dumont Girls Softball raising money to offset the cost of the scoreboard. R. Riquelme seconded motion. All in favor Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/NAV, Rafti/yes, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried. (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)***

*Men's Soccer:* no report

*Recreation Garden:* Garden was cleaned up and mums planted.

**R. RIQUELME:**

*Board of Education:* No report

*Coach's Certification/Fingerprinting(2<sup>nd</sup>):* no report

*Sr. Baseball:* Program wants to thank Recreation for issuing permit for use of Veteran's Memorial Field for fall baseball and to Soccer for giving up time on the field during the week for practice. Program uses field Wednesday nights for 2 hours and games in the evenings Saturday and Sunday.

**M. VIETRI:**

*Flag football-* Due to the weather BHS soccer's season was extended. In order to open up on the October 22<sup>nd</sup> date and to prepare the schedule for this season the program will play 10/22 and 10/29 on Bedford Field. Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> they will move to Vivyen Field in Bergenfield. There will be 2 divisions 7/8/9 year olds and 10/11/12 year olds.

*Soccer:* Lot of makeup games due to the weather.

*Wrestling-* There are 30 signups as of now. Emails are being sent to last year's players who have not signed up yet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

We have reviewed estimates from three vendors for a lawn care program to be used for Gina's Field, Columbia Field and Memorial Park fields.

*J. Rafti made a motion to go with TruGreen ChemLawn Commercial for lawn care services on Gina's Field, Columbia Field and Memorial Park for 2012. D. Kostantakis seconded motion. All in favor. Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/NAV, Rafti/yes, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried. (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*D. Aponte made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. J. Galligan 2nd seconded motion. All in favor Vote as follows: Aponte/yes, Galligan/yes, Kostantakis/yes, Musse/NAV, Rafti/yes, Riquelme/yes, Vietri/yes. Motion carried. (\*NAV-not available at time of vote)*

Respectfully submitted,  
Dawn Totten,  
October 6th, 2011